

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, September 20, 2012 6:00pm

Members present: Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Shannon Ashe, Hans Fields, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent: Susan Terry

Others Present: Dianna Barker – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 10

Mayor McCort called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments: Ron LeGuin, 155 Capps Branch Rd. - Commended the Board and Tourism for the recent advertising they've done with the \$20,000.00 given by the Village and requested the Board continue to budget \$20,000.00 every year for this purpose.

H.T. Crowell, 1501 Elizabeth Cr. - concerned that the Village is raising ad valorem taxes, doesn't see where roads are being maintained as budgeted, does not want the Village to take over Main Street, concerned the C.U.P.'s for music/dance will cause excess noise, wants merchants to pay for proposed wastewater, not the citizens, wants tourism office opened on weekends, and is concerned about the cost of police vehicles and whether the police are patrolling adequately at night.

Alderman Fritch made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Request to Extend the Closing Time of Pace Park Pavilion for a Function at the Pavilion
Mindi Dunnahoo asked for a waiver to the closing time of Pace Park for Saturday, September 22nd for her wedding. The park closes at 10:00PM. Ms. Dunnahoo would like to stay until 10:45PM.
Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to allow the wedding party to stay until 10:45PM.
Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe; motion carried unanimously.
2. Year-to-Date Financials
Alderman Peters went over the financials. The Village is in good financial position. There were no objections.

3. Adoption of Resolution Adopting an Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

There were no recommended changes to the policy.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adopt Resolution .085 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.

4. Adoption of Resolution Appointing Official Newspaper for the Village of Salado

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt Resolution .086 appointing the Salado Village Voice as the Village's official newspaper and Temple Dailey Telegram as the secondary official newspaper. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

5. Transfer of Ownership and Maintenance of Main Street from TxDOT to Salado

TxDOT is requesting the Village take over maintenance and ownership of Main Street, this includes the bridge over Salado Creek. The Board felt that the Village could not take on the liability of the creek bridge due to its age and does not have the financial resources if and when it floods again and damages the bridge.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to continue to have Main Street designated as a state highway and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Items:

6. Adoption of 2012-2013 Proposed General Fund and Hotel/Motel Budget Ordinance Second Reading

Mayor McCort opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the floor.

Mayor McCort closed the public hearing. The General Fund budget reflects a \$.12/\$100 ad valorem tax rate and is a balanced budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt Ordinance No. 2012.07 adopting the 2012-2013 General Fund and Hotel/Motel budgets. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.

7. Adoption of 2012-2013 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Ordinance Second Reading

Mayor McCort opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the floor.

Mayor McCort closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt Ordinance No. 2012.08 adopt a \$.12/\$100 ad valorem tax rate. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

8. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Reflect a change in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Members First Reading

This amendment would change the requirement of having seven ZBA members to five ZBA members with three alternates. This change is due to having consistent problems getting a quorum of a seven member board.

There were no comments from the floor.

9. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to Approve a Conditional Use Permit Request from The Range restaurant and Salado Winery to Allow Music/Dance in Historic District

Tim Fleischer spoke in favor of the permit requests and asked the Board to grant the requests.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to deny the C.U.P. requests due to the zoning ordinance already allowing music/dance in the Historic District (a CUP is not needed).

Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn into Executive Session at 6:55PM

1. Personnel Matters, Chief of Police Contract, as authorized by Texas Gov Code, Sec 551.074

Reconvene into Regular Session at 7:56

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 4, 2012 at 6:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Barker
Village Secretary

Danney McCort
Mayor